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TO: School District Superintendents

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Technology, Careers, and Data

DATE: September 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Web-based Resource Tools Transition Update

TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) communicated in Memorandum No. 2008-086, http://www.k12.wy.us/A/supt_memos/2008_086.pdf on June 6, 2008 an update regarding the Web-based Resource Tools Transition. The intent of this memo is to follow up on this transition, along with discussing the next steps for the WDE and Wyoming school districts.

In the process of this transition the WDE would like to welcome Cassie Sessions, Project Manager for Technology, Careers, & Data. Cassie will be facilitating this transition, which includes researching relevant vendors, meeting with technical directors, curriculum directors, and helping your district with web-based tool purchasing along with additional training and support.

As stated in Memorandum No. 2008-067
http://www.k12.wy.us/A/supt_memos/2008_067.pdf
on May 2, 2008, the WDE asked school districts to indicate their interests in joining a consortium, serving on a steering committee, and piloting products and many have done so, however there is still time to join if you have not already. Cassie will be facilitating these events, so please contact her with any inquiries. She is here for support and to serve as a liaison during and after this transition.

Cassie will be available at the School Improvement Conference here in Cheyenne at the newly renovated Little America Hotel and Resort on September 29 and 30, 2008. She is also available via email and phone at

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<u>csessi@educ.state.wy.us</u> or (307) 777-5463. Please do not hesitate to contact her with any questions and/or concerns as she has been tasked with facilitating this transition and is here to serve your school district.

As stated in Memorandum No. 2007-174 http://www.k12.wy.us/A/supt_memos/2007_174.pdf on October 19, 2007 "The end goal of the review will be to create web-based products and services that are stable from year to year and which support the work of districts and schools." The WDE looks forward to moving ahead in this action and assisting you to meet the needs of your district.

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